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Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement

The Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to consider the four (4) references cited on the accompanying 1449 form. These four (4) references were cited in a PCT search report in the PCT application corresponding to the parent of this application.

Two of the references are non-English language. The Applicant is thus submitting a copy of the English-language search report as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.98(3)(i).

1. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) this Statement is being filed (one must be checked):

- (1) _____ Within 3 months of the filing date or date of entry into the National application other than a continued prosecution application under § 1.53(d);
- (2) _____ Within 3 months of the date of entry of the National Stage as set forth in § 1.491 in an international application;

- (3) X Before the mailing of a first Office action on the merits; or
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2. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) this statement is being filed:

- (1) After the periods specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) and before the mailing date of any of a final action under § 1.113, a notice of allowance under § 1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application, and it is accompanied by one of:
- (2) the statement specified in paragraph (e) of this section; or
- (3) The fee set forth in § 1.17(p).

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- (3) The fee set forth in § 1.17(p).

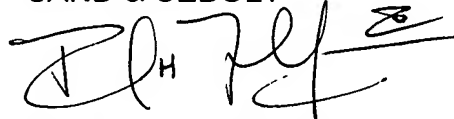
4. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e), the Applicant states that:

- (1) Each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than 3 months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement; or
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Respectfully submitted at Canton, Ohio this 5th day of November, 2002.

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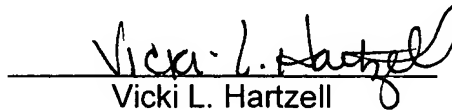


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